



March 30, 2006

MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrators of Abortion Clinics

FROM: Dennis L. Gibbs, Director
Division of Health Licensing

SUBJECT: Conditions Allowing a Provider-wide Exception to the Requirements of Regulation 61-12, Standards for Licensing Abortion Clinics

Regulation 61-12, Section 204.C., requires, "All professional and allied health professional staff members shall be currently certified with American Red Cross or American Heart Association CPR and capable of recognizing symptoms of distress..."

If the scope and content of an adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training course is equivalent to that offered by the American Red Cross or American Heart Association, training from that source (as evidenced by certificate) which is approved by the Department, will meet the intent of the standards and is acceptable in lieu of American Red Cross or American Heart Association adult CPR training. Currently, only the National Safety Council adult CPR training has been approved by the Department as an equivalent to the American Red Cross or American Heart Association adult CPR training.

This exception for an alternate source of training for adult CPR applies only to abortion clinics licensed by the Department and relates solely to SC licensing standards. Any adverse condition(s) that may be related to this exception may result in revocation of the exception by the Department.

If there are any questions, you may call Randy Clark at (803) 545-4370.

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